

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Recommendations for State Student Financial Assistance Programs  
Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
October 14, 2004

### DESCRIPTION

Staff recommendations for the FY 2006 Student Financial Assistance Programs appropriations are included in this section. The Department of Higher Education administers seven state grants and scholarships. The request for each item is the FY 2005 core appropriation amount, with the exception of the Advantage Missouri Program (which is being phased out) and the Charles Gallagher Student Financial Assistance Program and the Missouri College Guarantee Program, both of which have core increase requests contained in Tab A.

#### 1. Program Distribution

##### a. Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight)

FY06 Core Appropriation	\$15,787,000
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The Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight) provides scholarship benefits to students who have a composite score in the top three percent of all Missouri students taking either the American College Testing (ACT) Program Assessment or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during their senior year of high school. The scholarship award is \$2,000 per academic year (\$1,000 for each semester of enrollment) until the first bachelor's degree is received, or ten semesters, whichever occurs first. This program has proved very successful in persuading many of Missouri's best and brightest high school scholars to remain in Missouri for their higher education experience.

##### b. Charles Gallagher Student Financial Assistance Program

FY05 Core Appropriation	\$16,628,436
FY06 Requested Core	\$24,628,436

The Charles Gallagher Student Financial Assistance Program provides assistance to Missouri residents based on financial needs as determined by the Federal Needs Analysis Formula considering the cost of attendance at the institution where the applicant is enrolled. More than 79 percent of the funds in this program are awarded to students attending independent colleges and universities.

The core request will provide average awards of \$1,300 to approximately 12,800 students, representing approximately 25 percent of eligible applicants. The additional funds requested

will provide approximately 6,150 additional Gallagher scholarships.

**c. Missouri College Guarantee Grant Program**

FY05 Core Appropriation	\$8,385,000
FY06 Requested Core	\$25,385,000

The Missouri College Guarantee Grant Program provides assistance to students who demonstrate financial need and also meet the other statutory eligibility requirements for this scholarship. The amount of the scholarship cannot exceed the current average cost of tuition, other fees, and cost of books at the campus of the University of Missouri having the largest total enrollment. More than 80 percent of the funds in this program are awarded to students attending public colleges and universities.

The core request will provide average awards of \$1,980 to approximately 4,000 students, representing approximately 26 percent of eligible applicants. The additional funds requested will provide scholarships to approximately 8,600 additional students.

**d. Advantage Missouri Program**

FY05 Core Appropriation	\$164,825
FY06 Requested Core	\$105,000

The Advantage Missouri Program is a loan and loan forgiveness program designed to provide financial assistance to students who elect to enroll and work in certain designated high-demand occupational fields. The CBHE has designated biomedical/biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, and computer-related occupations as eligible occupational fields.

**e. Marguerite Ross Barnett Memorial Scholarship Program**

FY06 Core Appropriation	\$425,000
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The Marguerite Ross Barnett Memorial Scholarship Program is the only state-funded scholarship available for part-time enrolled students. The scholarship is especially important for those individuals already in the workplace seeking to upgrade their skills. The scholarship is need-based and is calculated using the Federal Needs Analysis Formula.

**f. Public Service Officer's Survivor Grant Program**

FY06 Core Appropriation	\$60,710
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This grant provides educational assistance to the spouses and children of certain public employees killed in the line of duty. Dependents are eligible up to the age of 24 to receive a grant to enroll in any program leading to a certificate, associate degree or baccalaureate degree at an approved public or private Missouri postsecondary institution. The maximum annual grant is the least of the tuition paid by a full-time undergraduate Missouri resident at the University of Missouri-Columbia, or the tuition paid at the institution which the student attends.

**g. The Vietnam Veteran Survivor Grant Program**

FY06 Core Appropriation

\$83,570

This program provides educational grants to eligible survivors of certain Vietnam veterans. To be eligible, an applicant must be a child or spouse of a deceased veteran who served in the military in Vietnam or the war zone in Southeast Asia and who was a Missouri resident when first entering military service and at the time of death. Grant recipients must enroll full-time in programs leading to a certificate, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree at an approved Missouri postsecondary institution. The maximum grant award is the lower of the actual tuition charged a full-time student at the approved institution where the eligible survivor is enrolled or the average amount of tuition charged for a full-time Missouri resident at the four regional institutions.

**STATUTORY REFERENCE**

Authority granted under Sections 173.005, RSMo, through 173.750 inclusive.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**It is recommended the Board approve the CBHE FY 2006 Student Financial Assistance appropriation request, as presented, for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

None